




Homeland Security

March 15, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: All DHS Components

FROM: Michael Chertoff 

SUBJECT: Half-staff of flags at DHS facilities nationwide

I am saddened to announce the death of Assistant Special Agent-In-Charge (ASAC) David Wilhelm of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations, Atlanta. His death is a loss for the law enforcement community in Atlanta and around the country.

To recognize the loss of Agent Wilhem, I authorize the lowering of flags to half-staff from sunrise to sunset at Department of Homeland Security facilities nationwide on Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Assistant Special Agent-In-Charge Wilhelm dedicated his life to his country, serving in federal law enforcement for nearly 18 years. He began his career as a U.S. Customs Agent in June 1987 in Beaufort, South Carolina. He also served in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Norfolk, Virginia. Among his many accomplishments, Special Agent Wilhelm was the recipient of the 2001 Blue Eagle Award for his exemplary work on Operation Prospero, a narcotics investigation that resulted in the seizure of approximately two tons of marijuana and \$2.4 million in cash.

Special Agent Wilhelm is survived by his wife Candace, his parents, and three brothers, including Patrick who is also an ICE agent in Atlanta.